Institutes have been set up in each major areas of disability :—

(i) National Institute for the Visually Handicapped, Dehradun.

(ii) National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped, Calcutta.

(iii) Ali Yavar Jung National Institute for the Hearing Handicapped. Bombay; and

(iv) National Institute for the Mentally Handicapped, Secunderabad.

These Institutes are apex level organisations in the field of education, training, vocational guidance, counselling research, rehabilitation and development of suitable services modules for the handicapped. The Institutes also serve as premier documentation and information centres in their respective areas of disability. Development and standardisation of aids and appliances and preparation of community awareness materials, both for the electronic and the print media, with the target audience, the parents, the community and professionals working in the field etc. is also their responsibility.

In addition to four National Institutes, the following two organisation have been working in the field to provide training facilities and services for rehabilitation of persons with locomotor disabilities :—

(a) Institute for the Physically Handicapped (IPH), New Delhi :

(b) National Institute of Rehabilitation Training and Research (NIRTAR Cuttack.

7. Employment:

3 per cent of civil posts in Group C and D under the Central Government and in public sector undertakings are reserved for the physically handicapped 1% each for visually speech and hearing and orthopaedically handicapped.

To assist the employable handicapped, 23 Special Employment Exchanges and 55 Special Cells in the Normal Employment Exchanges and 17 Vocational Rehabilitation Centres (VECs) (under the Ministry of Labour) are functioning across the country.

Deaths due to Consumption of Narcotics

1679. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state .

(a) the number of incidents of death due to comsumption of narcotics in Gujarat during the last three years till date:

(b) what are the comparative figures of other States of the country:

(c) the number of de-addiction centres presently working in Gujarat; and

(d) the extent of financial assistance provided to the State Governments so far by the Central Government ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) and (b) The statistics regarding the number of incident-of death due to consumption of narcotics are not maintained by this Ministry.

(c) At present five Counselling Centres and five De-addiction Centres are functioning in the State of Gujarat.

(d) Financial assistance for drug abuse-prevention is provided by the Govt. Government to the non-governmental organisations and not to the State Goverments. The amount of financial assistance provided to the NGOs in the State of Gujarat for this purpose during last three years is as follows :—

1991-92	. . Rs.	24,58,021
1992-93	. . Rs.	31,04,689
1993-94	. . Rs.	44,17,798
1994-95	. . Rs.	19,84,296 (upto Nov. 1994)

Identification of Castes/Classes in the List of OBCs

1680. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the castes/classes included in the lists of "Other Backward Classes" as identified by different States and UTs in the country as on date; and

(b) what are the details of different benefits academic, job-reservation etc. available to candidates/members of these classes ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) The Government had notified lists of OBCs for 14 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh, on 10th September 1993 vide Ministry of Welfare Resolution No. 12011/68/93-BCC(C) published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary part I-Section 1 No. 186, New Delhi, Monday-September, 13th 1993. Subsequently, the lists of OBCs for 4 States and 3 UTs namely, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tripura, West Bengal, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Pondicherry were notified on 19th October, 1994 vide No. 163, The Gazette of India-Extraordinary Part-I. Details of Castes/Communities included in these lists are available in the said Gazettes

(b) (i) The OBCs are entitled for 27% reservation in vacancies in civil services and posts under the Government of India subject to the exlusion of socially advanced persons/sections known as the 'Creamy Layer'.

(ii) Scheme of pre-examination coaching for Weaker Sections incuding OBCs is also implemented in order to allow them to compete on equal terms with other candidates in competitive examinations.

(iii) National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation has been set up with the objective of promoting economic development of Backward Classes by granting them financial assistance for self-employment ventures.

Newspaper report on auctioning of women

1681. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI : SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Punjabi Kesari and Jagaran of September 20, 1994 to the effect that women are still being auctioned and suffer humiliation in the tribal areas of Thane; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government are aware that the same kind of practices are still prevalent in other parts of the country; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps have so far been taken and also proposed to be taken to eradicate the evil practices of humiliating women folk ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

कल्याण योजनाओं के लिए आबंटित धनराशी का अन्य कार्यों के लिए उपयोग किया जाना

1682. **श्री आस मोहम्मद** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार की देश में विभिन्न कल्याण योजनाओं के लिए आबंटित धनराशी का कथित दुरूपयोग किए जाने या इसका उपयोग अन्य कार्यों के लिए किए जाने के संबंध में कोई सूचना प्राप्त हुई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो संबंधित राज्यों सहित तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने इस संबंध में कोई दिशानिर्देश जारी किए हैं ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है । और

(ङ) क्या उक्त धनराशी के समुचित उपयोग को सुनिश्चित किया गया है ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) से (ङ) इस मंत्रालय के विभिन्न कार्यक्रमों, विशेषकर अनुसूचित जातियों और अनुसूचित जनजातियों से सम्बंद्ध कार्यक्रमों की गहन मानीटरिंग और विचार विमर्श के बाद, यह नोटिस में आया है कि कुछ राज्यों को दिए गए केन्द्रीय अनुदान तत्काल व उचित रूप